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For Rep. Upmeyer,

Iowa Health System utilizes the McKesson Horizon Patient Folder, which is an optical image repository for inpatient medical records. The paper record on the floor is scanned at discharge into HPF. At the same time, documents are COLD fed from the host CIS system (CareCast) into the repository consisting of lab, radiology, nursing documents, other ancillary tests and physician transcription. The combination of scanned paper documents from the floor and cold-fed documents from the host system constitutes our facility's legal medical business record. This application is used by all the 7 hospital affiliates within I.H.S.

This does not include the employed physician practices within I.H.S., which utilize AllScripts Touchworks. Jim Mormann, our CIO for I.H.S., is a better resource on this application. I do know that AllScripts TouchWorks functions more like a true electronic medical record in the sense that it captures discrete data elements through drop-down menus, rather than just being imaged version of the paper record or having flat ASCII files from the host system as is the case with HPF. You can query from AllScripts, while you can not do this with HPF. I believe there is also a scanning function within AllScripts for historical records.

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Rep. Upmeyer is a member of the Legislative Commission on Affordable Health Care, and is specifically the chair of the Commission's subcommittee on electronic health records. She has asked me to contact all of you as members of the Electronic Health Records Task Force to ask if you would provide any information you have regarding the current utilization of EHRs by health care providers/insurers/state agencies/other medical-related professionals in the state? The next meeting of the Commission is on October 17, 2007, in Sioux City, so I would appreciate your responding as soon as possible. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

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